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**RESPONSE**

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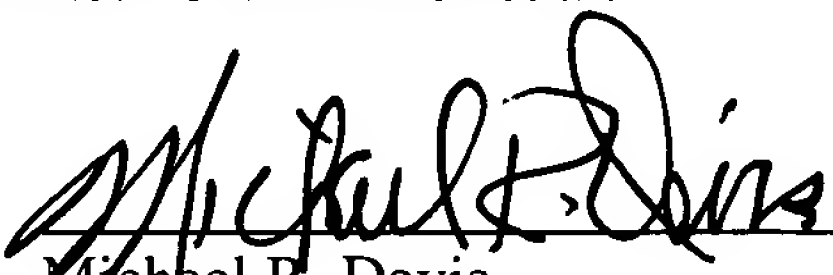
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Sir:

The PTO paper mailed March 13, 2007 sets a shortened statutory period of response of two months. However, this PTO paper is merely a communication from the Examiner indicating that Applicants' Corrected Appeal Brief filed November 3, 2006 has been entered, considered and forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. There does not appear to be any matter which requires a response from Applicants to the PTO paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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